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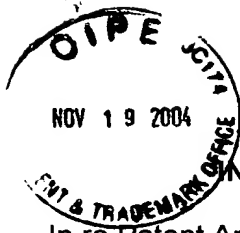
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following three documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

International Patent Application No. WO 98/39106.

U.S. Patent No. 3,547,463.

U.S. Patent No. 3,912,295.

The fourth document cited in the European Search Report, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-216917, was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 25, 2002.

The following document was cited in an Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action is enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application No. 8-188096. An English language translation of the portion of the Official Action discussing this document is attached to the Official Action.

The other two documents cited in the Official Action from the Japanese Patent Office, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-145842 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-216917 were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 25, 2002.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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